

January 25, 1951.  
Cities and Towns.

**House File 204**  
By MUNGER, McELENNEY, SCHWENGEL,  
TIERNEY, RYAN.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date.....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend section four hundred ten point nineteen (410.19),  
Code 1950, relating to limitation of hours on duty of  
members of the fire department.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. Section four hundred ten point nineteen
- 2 (410.19), Code 1950, is amended by striking from lines six (6)
- 3 and seven (7) thereof the words “twelve hours per day” and by
- 4 substituting therefor the words “sixty-eight hours per week”.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 204

The purpose of this bill is to provide for a sixty-eight hour week maximum for members of the fire department except in emergency cases. This is still considerably in excess of the prevailing work week, which generally runs not in excess of forty hours a week. The forty hour week applies to all state employees and to the employees of many municipalities.  
It would seem that this limitation is reasonable in the light of present day conditions.